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In response to the Official Action dated February 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Figures begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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IN THE FIGURES:

Please add new Figure 30 which supports the feature of two CCDs incorporated in the distal part of the endoscope with the first CCD used exclusively for ordinary light mode and the second CCD used for special light mode as described in the specification on page 63, lines 15 et seq.